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000 the members of his kin group must do it (3). The men on all the

3. Joest in Baessler, p. 379.

152 islands are unusually jealous and try to prevent any stranger from
609 approaching the women. Joest asserts that death was the price
684 the women had to pay for any kind of intercourse with Europeans,
and the seducers had to pay heavy fines. Dillon tells of a duel
837 on Vanikoro following a case of adultery, and both duelists were
578 killed (4).

4. Dillon, p. 197. D'Urville, pp.
164, 183; 323 (Gaimard). Lesson,
Revue d'Anthropologie, V, p. 269.
Dewar, p. 248. Joest in Baessler,
pp. 378, 386.

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Menstruating women may not sit with others. The moon
is regarded as the cause of menstruation (5). If a woman becomes

5. Joest in Baessler, p. 383.

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pregnant, one can tell by the swelling of her navel that she is
carrying a boy, or, in the opposite case, a girl (6). Pregnant

6. Joest, ibid.

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women carry a small mat -- whether habitually is uncertain --
plaited out of pandanus strips, patterned with black stripes and
with a finely plaited border, black edging, and cowrie decorations
at the corners (7). If it is a first pregnancy, the man must

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7. Etheridge in Record Austral. Mus.,
IV, 7, p. 304. (The specimen described
is 10 1/4 inches square.)